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AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 0087

FRANKFURT FOR CO, COMPANY "A"

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, MSG
SUBJECT: CSCE CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 001310

1. CONCERNING PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THIS POST WILL BE RECEIVING EIGHT NEW TDY MARINES AND THAT SSGT. BLANKENSHIP AND SGT. YOUNG, WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART THIS LOCATION ON FEB 20 AND FEB 18 RESPECTIVELY, WILL BE RELEASED EARLY? THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY SGT. FORSYTH WHO IS NOW ON PCS ORDERS, HERE THROUGH THE END OF CSCE.

2. WE HOPE THAT THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, SINCE THIS WOULD GREATLY ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF A FEW MSGS RECEIVING DOLS 3.20 ALLOWANCE PER DAY WHILE OTHERS ARE GETTING HALF PER DIEM.

3. AS SUGGESTED, WE HAVE REVIEWED OUR EXPERIENCE DURING THE RECENT SESSION TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING MSG REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING SESSION. WE FIND NO FLEXIBILITY IN MANNING NEEDS AT EITHER THE CONFERENCE CENTER OR THE DELEGATION OFFICE, WHICH TOGETHER REQUIRE
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FIVE MSGS. AS FOR THE REMAINING FOUR, WHO ARE POSTED AT AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG'S RESIDENCE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE (BELGRADE 6540) OUR EARLIER ASSESSMENT OF THAT SITUATION. DURING THE RECENT SESSION, THE MSGS PROVIDED PERSONAL SECURITY, RATHER THAN DOCUMENTARY OR PHYSICAL SECURITY, AT THE GOLDBERG RESIDENCE. DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH AMB GOLDBERG OR OTHERWISE CONSIDER JUSTIFICATION FOR RESUMING THAT SERVICE, WHICH CANNOT

BE PROVIDED WITH FEWER THAN FOUR MSGS. THE EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE,
CONTINUE THIS ARRANGMENT IF MSGS ARE PROVIDED, ALTHOUGH WE SHARE
THE DEPT'S CONCERN AT THE SIZE OF THE BELGRADE DETACHMENT,
WHICH PUTS ADDED STRAIN ON MESS AND OTHER FACILITIES.
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